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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL
LETTER AND REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Invention Title
**PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
SUBSTITUTED 2-(2 PYRIDYLMETHYL)
SULFINYL-1H-BENZIMIDAZOLES**

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1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Request for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) along with four (4) attachments.

Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action, for which a response period expiring on August 20, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on November 20, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of \$950.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

2. Statement of Substance of Interview.
3. Notice of Appeal.
4. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

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- (F) Other matters: The applicants' representatives indicated the willingness of further negotiations regarding the rejected claims after the Examiner reviews the Arguments submitted herewith in the Amendment. If Examiner Robinson maintains her rejections, Applicants' representatives expressed the willingness of accepting the allowable claims and to file a continuation to pursue rejected claims in order to advance the prosecution.
- (G) No Agreement: Although an agreement was not reached, the Examiner expressed that she would consider our arguments and would call the Applicants' representatives before the issuance of an Advisory Action.

Although not believed to be necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (212) 908-6018 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 20, 2003

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